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Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden the four most northerly countries of Europe, are usually pronounced together in one single breath as 'Scandinavia'. But although they do all have very much in common, they are in fact four quite independent countries, three of which are proud monarchies. Earlier in the history of Scandinavia, a kaleidoscope of political combinations once existed: Sweden united with Norway and Denmark, Sweden with Finland, and Denmark with Norway. Thus each country has long had a great influence on the other three. But they have all still retained certain unique and unmistakable characteristics. The long summer evenings in the land of Midnight Sun are usually spent out of doors, but the long, dark and cold winter is spent around the warm and cosy open fireplace. (It is no coincidence that the house-bound Scandinavians have set a standard of interior decoration and comfortable furniture design that is world renowned.) Getting together with friends to eat and drink the long winter evening away is elevated almost to a ritual in Scandinavia, and nowhere else is there so much imagination, skill and artistry applied to setting the candle-laden table.

The real roots of Scandinavian eating lie in the climate. People were forced to stock supplies for the long winter, and in this way the process of preserving meat, fish, vegetables and fruit has been developed into a fine art. Nowhere else in the world can there be found so many different ways of drying, smoking and curing meat and fish. This is a very ancient art: the Vikings who sailed a thousand years ago to Iceland, Greenland and even North America, carried with them smoked meat and dried, salted fish for the long weeks at sea. But in spite of all the resemblances in Scandinavian countries have with each other, there are still enormous differences, and anyone thoroughly familiar with one country cannot claim familiarity with any of the other three. Centuries of shared history have still left individual characteristics and traditions so different that each country is unique. This is true even in the cooking and dining habits of the four countries.

DENMARK

Denmark is Scandinavia's Promised Land, overflowing with milk and honey. Nowhere is the grass greener and thicker and nowhere do



the cows give whiter and richer milk and sweeter cream. The vegetable gardens (first planted in the sixteenth century by Dutch, who migrated to Denmark but grew homesick for their familiar fresh green vegetables) produce fresh, tender young vegetables year-round in the spring.

The orchards yield delicious apples and ripe, sweet cherries (the source of a famous cherry liqueur). Pink, well-fed pigs grunt with satisfaction in this land of natural abundance. In the sea live small red, tasty shrimp and Baltic herring, in the Limfjord grow large, pearl-colored oysters. Festive eating and drinking is a sturdy tradition in Denmark and every visitor is received in a generous and friendly fashion. In Danish delicatessens the most inviting and appetizing foods are displayed in overflowing abundance: smoked salmon and eel, cheeses, sausages, ham and the most delicious varieties of fish and game. Eating and drinking is almost a national pastime.

The Danes begin their day with a breakfast of strong, tasty coffee and delicious sweet coffee rolls, so fine, light and crispy that they have no equal. Oddly enough, they call these 'Wienerbrød' Viennese rolls, while we know them as the famed Danish pastry. At about one o'clock, time for lunch, the Danes eat

their famous smørrebrød. This literally means 'bread spread with butter'. They make a colorful pattern that delights both the eye and the taste buds - slices of smoked fish or meat, ham, hard-boiled or scrambled eggs, mayonnaise, potatoes, fruit sauce or compote, cold fish or shellfish, roasted meat, fresh vegetables. One restaurant in Copenhagen has over 200 different varieties of smørrebrød, and they are all deliciously described in a menu more than three feet long!

These smørrebrød are prepared to order and flown to many other countries in Western Europe. In the evening, the Danes eat a hearty dinner, a roast with vegetables. The meal usually ends with one of the many sweet combinations of rich cream and fruit for which the Danes are famous.

FINLAND

Finland is a mysterious country of deep solitude, of light, opal-colored summer nights and hard, cold, bitter and dark winters and of 60,000 lakes that sparkle among somber green forests of fir trees.

Strictly speaking the Finns are not really Scandinavians. Their origins lie somewhere in the far-away steppes of Central Asia. They are above all

people of the sauna. A sauna bath (in which you sit in a small, smotheringly hot room with pine-wood walls, where the temperature can rise to 225° to 250°, rubbing yourself with a stiff brush and soap and then going under a cold shower or for a swim in a cold lake) is a favorite pastime and way of relaxing, and it is often the central event of a social gathering. People invite their friends out for a sauna party, and the most enjoyable part is the 'after-sauna'. They relax either outdoors in front of the log cabin along the banks of a lake, or in an easy-chair in the living room before an open fire. After a sauna it is guaranteed that you will become very hungry and thirsty, and the Finns love to eat and drink together afterwards to replenish themselves.

Finnish food is for people with simple, undeadened taste and keen appetites. It is at its best prepared in a straightforward and simple manner: splendid fresh trout and other fish from the lakes, slipped into branches and roasted over an open fire; delicious Lapland Salmon bound for planks and smoked before a fire; priceless fresh turbot caviar; the endless variety of mushrooms found in the woods that taste so delicious with sour cream; wild summer berries such as

orange-red arctic brambleberries, and raspberries that have grown large and sweet and have soaked up the aroma of the bright Lapland summer nights. The great party-time in Finland comes in August, at the opening of the crayfish season. Everywhere in Finland crayfish parties are organized, and heaps of these tiny, lobster-like creatures, boiled until fiery-red in richly spiced dill bouillon, are washed down with vodka.

NORWAY

Nature blessed Norway with mountains, rocky shores, fjords and virgin forests; however only about 4% of the land can be cultivated. Norwegian cooking, therefore, is not very rich, but rather simple and hearty. Cooking depends heavily on two staples: fish and potatoes.

In this land of endless coastlines, fjords and mountain strams, herring and cod, turbot and sole, and salmon and trout are among the best to be found anywhere in the world.

Norwegians have also discovered many ways to preserve their fish and their scarce supply of meat for long periods. Especially in the islands of the north and along the fjords, you can see long horizontal bars hung with large pieces of cod to dry in the ice-cold, bone-dry, north wind. After two or three months, the cod is dry and as hard as a rock. It can be kept for

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RESEARCH UNDERWAY



Aage F. Tottrup, Chairman of the Board of Directors, is pleased to announce the formation of the Container Port of Alberta Research Corporation with headquarters in Edmonton, Alberta.

Over the next year the Corporation will complete a 40 million dollar research and development program that includes the building of a pilot plant in Edmonton. The Container Port of Alberta will, under operating conditions, evaluate state-of-the-art equipment and develop system, terminal and equipment modifications to suit our prairie market and weather conditions. Systems will be researched and developed to provide com-

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Financing agreements have been completed and planning for the 40 million dollar pilot plant and research and development program is well underway. Agreements, in principle, for equipment and construction were finalized during the past month and subject to contract finalization and final site selection, site preparation will begin early in October. It is planned to complete as much of the foundation and construction as possible as a winter works program. Targeted start up of the transfer facility of the Port is scheduled for June of 1985. Warehousing, maintenance and office facilities of the pilot project will be opened later in the summer. If the fin-

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" THE HONOURARY CONSUL OF DENMARK DONN LARSEN HAS RECEIVED THE 1984 ALBERTA GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR UNSELFISH DEDICATION AND CONCERN FOR HIS FELLOW MAN."

DONN LARSEN

Since becoming a Canadian citizen in 1956, Donn Larsen has contributed in many significant ways to the quality of life of Canadians in general and Albertans in particular. He has been a Rotarian since 1973 and was recently honoured by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for his work with the club and his efforts to assist his fellow man.

In 1977, the Queen of Denmark appointed him Honourary Royal Danish Consul, an appointment that was accorded definitive recognition by the Government of Canada.

Extremely active in his community, Mr. Larsen presently serves as a member in 16 Edmonton organizations. A founding member of the Multicultural Heritage Foundation of Stony Plain, he served a term as its

Chairman. In 1981, Mr. Larsen was appointed to the Governing Council of Athabasca University where he became Chairman of the committee responsible for the design and building of the project. Under his leadership, the project was constructed at almost one-third below project budget. Other areas of service in which Mr. Larsen is presently involved include Director of the 1985 Tri-Bach Tercentenary Festival, member of the Edmonton Pacific Rim Task Force and member of the Edmonton Concert Hall Foundation.

Mr. Larsen has been honoured internationally for his extensive support to humanitarian projects throughout the world. Donn Larsen's unselfish dedication and concern for his fellow man has enhanced the lives of many.



Karen Jensen

Karen Jensen, a long time resident of Edmonton, will be celebrating her 70 birthday on Jan. 26.

KAREN JENSEN

Karen was born in a small town, Flamstad, close to Aalborg, in Denmark. Here she met, and married Otto Jensen in 1937. They bought her home place, where they were to farm the next 12 years.

By 1943 when the war was raging in Europe, Karen and Otto had three young sons and they were busy making a living on the farm.

The anger many Danes felt at this time to fight Nazism, also made an impact on their lives, they became active members of the Danish underground movement. The location of the farm was a good strategic place for hiding ammunition and weapons. Unfortunately this was revealed to the Nazis, Otto was consequently sent to a concentration camp. Karen later learned she was spared because she was expecting a fourth child. Through the winter Karen cared for the farm and her

children, never giving up hope her husband would one day come home again.

April 26, was the most memorable day in her life, that morning she received by mail a letter that her husband was on his way to Sweden and would be home within the next couple of weeks. A few hours later she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, the joy in their home was not to be described.

May 9, the family was reunited again. Later another girl arrived and in 1952 the youngest, a son was born.

In 1959 it was decided to try the land of milk and honey, destination Edmonton, Alta.. The first few years they worked on dairy farms. In the beginning Karen was very homesick, however as the years went by, she came to love Canada and its people.

In 1969 she lost her husband; this

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Friday, Jan. 18th, 1910, Kjeld was born in Lyngby, Denmark, as son of the well known Danish sculptor, Just Sondrup.

Growing up in an artist's home and environment has put its marks on

Kjeld for life, and no doubt been instrumental in developing his unique character. He has spend his life somewhat differently from most of us.

After finishing school he apprenticed four years at Hagerup's Publishing Firm in Copenhagen, and after obtaining his journeyman's certificate, sailed for South America and worked in Argentina as a "Gaucho" on a sheep ranch, -- but on coming to town one day he jumped on board M/S "Louisiana" as a choirboy and saw a good part of the World.

Eventually he ended up in Denmark, where he went into the insurance business with Baltica Assurance for a number of years.

In 1952 he came by bus from New York, with his good wife Inga, to Edmonton, -- and Edmonton has never been the same since. He moved right into the home of Carl Gundersen, the Danish Consul at that time. There they lived for 10 years, -- his good wife Inga being the housekeeper for Carl Gundersen, and hostess at consular functions.

After several unique employment ventures, he became a representative for T.R.C. (Texas Refinery Corp.), for whom he still works and as appreciation for his efforts with the company he has been invited to holiday at many exotic places.

In 1953 Kjeld, together with

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COULD YOU HELP WITH A RESEARCH PROJECT?

I am studying a large collection of Norwegian items that were brought to Alberta in the 1920's from the Telemark region of Norway. The end product of the study will be a published catalogue of the Norwegian artifact collection that is held by the Provincial Museum of Alberta.

I am asking the assistance of the readers of the Scandinavian News for help with this project. I speak a small amount of Norwegian but do not read the language well.

It would be of great help to learn about the types of items brought to North America by immigrants from all of the Scandinavian countries. Which items were left home? What types of items (e.g., silver and jewelry, clothing, kitchenware, musical in-

struments, storage containers, furniture) were brought to Canada? Were certain kinds of heritage items made in Alberta? How and when were these used?

Please give me a call or drop me a note if you would agree to speak with me informally about Norwegian heritage items or if you could serve as a resource person from whom I might occasionally seek advice and opinion.

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dings of the research and development program are positive, expansion of the Edmonton facility will be undertaken starting in 1986. This expansion will include Calgary and other western cities.

In the development of this private sector initiative, the Corporation thanks all levels of government and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce for their assistance and support. The Provincial Government identified the need for a port in the 1980 Speech from the Throne. Hugh Planche, Minister of Economic Development, through his subsequent research program, has confirmed that an opportunity exists and we look forward to the cooperation with the Province to fulfill their objectives. The city, through Mayor Decore and the Edmonton Economic Development Authority and the Edmonton Chamber

of Commerce have provided advice, moral support and given us access to the industrial community. The Federal Government, through the Minister of State for Economic Development, the Departments of Revenue and Transport have supported our activities and taken initiatives that have made our announcement possible.

FAREWELL TO RONNING

by S.A.Sorenson

Chester Ronning, 90, died of pneumonia on New Year's Eve, and was buried January 5, in the Camrose Cemetery beside the grave of his wife, Inga, who died in 1967.

About 500 people gathered at the Messiah Lutheran Church to pay their last respects to a distinguished man. About 50 of his immediate family attended the funeral, and seven grandsons and pallbearers. His daughter, Audrey Topping, writer and son-in-law, Seymour Topping, managing editor of the New York Times were there. His brother, Talbert Ronning, retired minister from Chicago gave the eulogy, and reviewed his many and varying accomplishments.

Mr. Ronning was born in China of Norwegian missionary parents in 1894. He spent 26 years of intermittent residence in China. He served as a Canadian Diplomat in Chungking. He loved the Chinese people and they loved him. Through his efforts he secured Canadian recognition of China in 1970. At the Geneva conference on Indo-China in 1954, Ronning was the only member of the Western delegation who could speak to Premier Chou En-Lai in Chinese. His final visit to China was on his 89th birthday. His immediate family accompanied him. They visited his birthplace at Francheng and

thousands came out to celebrate his birthday.

Attending the funeral in recognition of his reputation of being 'A great friend of the Chinese people' was Lin Min, charge d'affair of the Chinese Embassy in Canada. China's national flower - the chrysanthemum - in a floral arrangement was laid on his casket. Chester Ronning was an outstanding teacher. He started at age 16 in the Valhalla district, north-west of Grande Prairie; taught in China, in Edmonton, and was principal of the Camrose Lutheran College from 1927 to 1942. He formed and led the popular 'Camrose Lutheran Choir'.

Mr. Ronning served in the two world wars - in the military and as an intelligence officer.

His varied career included a swing into politics. He sat as an M.L.A. for the United Farmers of Alberta from 1932 to 1935, and became provincial leader of the C.C.F.

Mr. Ronning will perhaps be best known for his diplomatic service - first secretary to the Canadian Embassy in Chungking; Minister to Iceland; Ambassador to Norway; high commis-

sioner to India; a Canadian delegate to the United Nations.

He was called out of retirement in 1966 by Ottawa to seek a peaceful settlement of the Vietnamese War. He visited Hanoi, where he obtained an unconditional North Vietnamese offer of peace negotiations, if the Americans would stop bombing the North. When he took his reply to the Americans, they said 'NO' they would not stop bombing of the north.

In his retiring years, Ronning enjoyed painting, reading and sculpture in his small Camrose home. On Feb. 3, 1970, he was the first guest speaker of TORSKE KLUBBEN, Sons of Norway in Edmonton, and became the club's first Honorary Life Member. He returned to speak to the club on Feb. 5, 1980 when he fittingly spoke on "China And Today's World".

When the Sons of Norway Lodge in Camrose was organized in 1970, it was named in his honour - The Ronning Lodge of Sons of Norway.

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years without going bad. Sometimes, cod is salted and then placed on rocks to dry. Norwegians call this 'klipp-fisk'. Norwegian housewives make a special dish called 'lut-fisk' from the salted cod. After the autumn slaughter, (there is not enough forage to keep animals through the winter) mutton is salted and smoked or hung out in the cold, freezing Norwegian wind as long as six months. After this curing process, it remains edible for years. (In the folklore museum at Oslo, there are legs of mutton preserved in this way that are said to be at least three hundred years old and still edible).

To the list of delicious gastronomic specialties of Norway, knowledgeable gourmets add the royal salmon, the snow grouse and such game as elk, hare and, above all, reindeer. A tender reindeer steak, fried in good country butter and accompanied by a compote of woodland berries, is one of the most delectable dishes that can be had anywhere in Scandinavia. On many remote Norwegian farms, women still bake their own bread, and there is a vigorous spirit of competition between farmwives as to whose 'flatt-brod' is the thinnest and the crispest. This dark crisp bread is the perfect companion not only for smoked reindeer but also for another Norwegian specialty: 'Gjetost', a cheese made from goat's milk that has been simmered so long that it acquires a rust brown, caramel color and a slightly sweet taste.

Breakfast in Norway is an extensive affair. The tourist staying in his first Norwegian hotel will be surprised to find such a fabulously laid-out

table decked with numerous sorts of cold meat and fish, cheese, eggs, jam, compotes and at least five different types of bread. Everyone can choose what he likes and as much as he likes. Hot coffee is served with milk. After such a breakfast Norwegians are understandably not very hungry at lunchtime, and they usually simply have a sandwich and a glass of milk. Early in the evening the members of the family gather around the large dinner table, on which, more often than not, fish is the special treat.

SWEDEN

'Rich Sweden' is a phrase often used enviously by the rest of Europe to describe this Scandinavian country. Its wealth and prosperity are displayed in the most enticing fashion in the Swedish 'Smorgasbord'.

Smorgasbord is also found in the other countries of Scandinavia, but it is never so abundant as in Sweden. It developed from a time when each guest at big country gatherings brought some food of his own. Today it is an immeasurably grander affair. With his plate in hand the guest serves himself from the richly laid out buffet, selecting just what he wants. The most elaborate smorgasbord can be found in the finer restaurants of Stockholm, Opera-kallaren and Stalmestergarden, where more than 60 different dishes are displayed on a beautifully decorated buffet table. Everything is displayed together, but the guests follow certain unwritten rules.

Everyone invariably begins with herring. Delectable Baltic herring takes on a variety of shapes, forms and flavors; it can be marinated, smoked, sour, sweet-and-

sour, in cream sauce, in piquant sauce, etc. After this each person takes a clean plate and goes on to the second course, which consists of cold fish: salmon or trout or some other fish prepared in aspic and ideally served with cucumber salad. Then comes the cold-meat course: liver pates, roast beef, pork and sometimes delicacies such as smoked reindeer or other cold game. This is accompanied by a green salad with sour cream or a potato salad with sour cream or a potato salad with a sweet-and sour sauce of bilberries, cloudberry or cranberries. Then it is time to begin dishing out surprises from the containers kept warm over a fondue burner. There are meatballs in gravy, spiced ragouts, sometimes even stewed bear or reindeer and often warm omelettes or souffles. Afterwards come cheeses, and finally dessert or fruit salad.

KAREN JENSEN

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prompted her to move to Edmonton.

Throughout the years they had attended the Danish church; with more time on her hands she became a very active member. Voluntarily she spent countless hours in the different sections of the church. A number of years she served on the board, was and still is president of the Ladies Aid.

Karen's home is and always has been a place where family and friends like to come.

One of her great loves is writing songs and poetry for different occasions. Approaching her 70 birthday, she decided to write her autobiography, which is now being cherished by many family and friends.

Her family and friends would like to wish her a very happy birthday.

This verse taken from her book appropriately summarizes her busy lifestyle.

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ANNA POULSON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY



Anna Poulsen and Anne-Lise Larsen

On January 22, 1985, Anna Poulsen was 80 years young.

Anna was born in Kolding, Denmark, and came to Edmonton in 1956 with her daughter and son-in-law, Inger-Lise and Kaj Petersen. In 1957 Anna married Fred Poulsen; they had many friends and were well known, for their doors were always open. Fred passed away in 1979, but Anna has never lost touch with her many friends. She is very active visiting them and working in the Danish

Women's club of which she has been a member for more than 20 years.

Anna's travels take her to Fairview, where Inger-Lise and Kaj live; she also travels to Whitehorse and 'Carmacks' to visit with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anna celebrated her birthday with her family and many friends on January 19th at the Royal Copenhagen restaurant.

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Finnish Footnotes

By Anja Sahuri

Both Christmas parties of the Finnish Society of Edmonton were very well attended. We wish to thank everyone for their efforts towards these annual events.

Watch for the newsletter regarding

the annual skiing and fishing competitions.

The Finnish Society Singers have been busy performing at our own functions as well as at the Church and at Government House just prior to Christmas. Thank You - Lakeis!!!

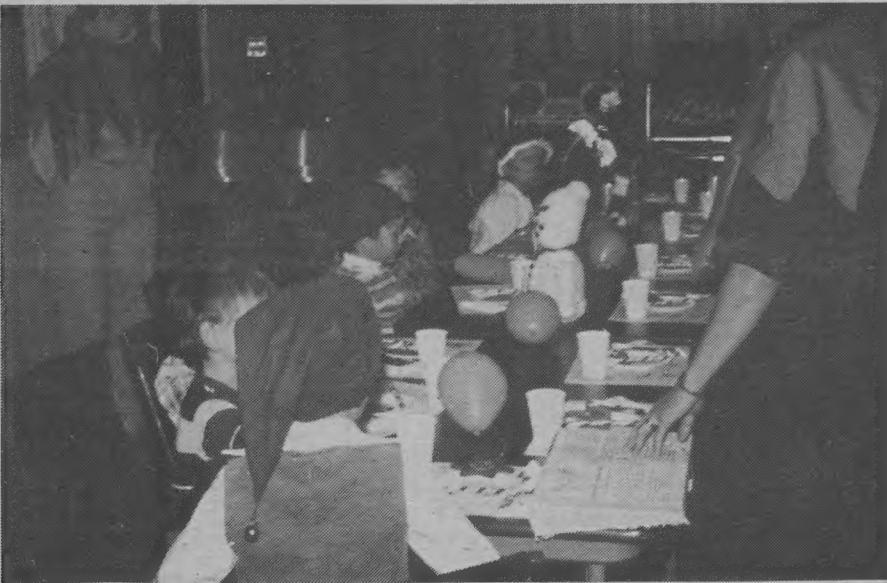
We need active members. If you are interested in any kind of activity - be it cooking, dancing, singing or whatever - please, phone Ritva Haikarainen at 474-1360.

Have a Happy New Year!!!

Santa should be here soon



Children and Christmas go together



Skandia News

By Kaye Kerr

Many of our Swedish friends travelled to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with family and friends. I hope all of you had a safe and happy holiday.

Vi and Bert Watson were lucky at the Dollar Slots in Las Vegas recently. Vi says the sunshine was lovely and the temperature in the 70's.

During 1984 His Holiness, Pope John Paul invited young people from all over the world to help him with new ideas on how to advance world peace. The best ideas presented in the essays submitted were chosen, one from each of 16 countries.

The essay chosen from Canada entitled "How to Advance World Peace" was that of Grant Kerr, son of Kaye and Myron Kerr.

Each of the winning participants was invited to the Vatican and granted an audience before Pope John Paul where each one presented an abbreviated version of his essay.

A summary of the ideas made in the presentation will be sent to the world leaders for their information.

Each of the participants received a memento from His Holiness, Pope John Paul.

We wish to congratulate Astrid Winquist who celebrated her 80th birthday on November 10th, 1984. On Sunday the family gathered for brunch and in the afternoon birthday cake was served. She received 3 congratulatory telephone calls from Sweden. Hope you have many more birthdays, Astrid.

Kaye and Myron Kerr will be basking in the Hawaii sunshine at the end of January. Kaye's sister from Winnipeg and their son and family from Edmonton will also join them.

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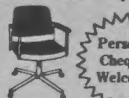
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**KJELD
SONDRUP**
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Jorgen Holgerson and Erik Pederson, restarted the Danish Club "Dania", which had been dormant for a number of years.

Kjeld has met a lot of people over the many years, and made almost as many friends with his never-failing sense of humor and his never-failing smile. We, his friends, have learned a thing or two from him over the last thirty years, -- I still have to hear him talk down on anybody, -- always friendly, always positive, -- and so is Inga, as the two of them celebrate their golden anniversary in June.

Congratulations Kjeld, -- thanks for good friendship, and many happy returns!
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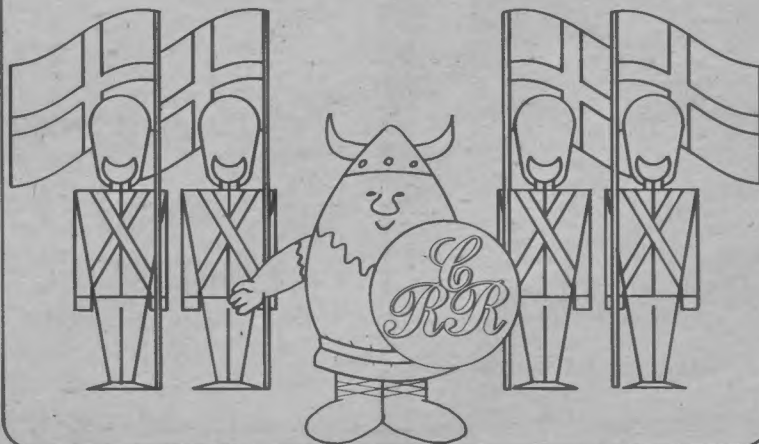
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PREMIERE FUNCTION

By Astrid Hope

On December 17th, 1984, "Christmas in Scandinavia" was celebrated at Government House. With the help of The Heritage Foundation, under the direction of Nina Timperly and Bengt Skousdal, all the Scandinavian Societies helped to make this event a most sociable and entertaining evening.

A 10-foot Christmas Tree which enhanced the room and added to the festive mood was decorated by the Norwegians, (Olga McBride and Astrid Hope took honours for decorating). A welcome reception was held followed by a program performed by the various ethnic groups. Skandia Lodge did their spectacular

"Santa Lucia" with approximately 20 young people in their white formal gowns and candlelight. The Icelandic Saga Singers presented an excellent skit of the popular folk tale "Gryla, the Christmas Witch, and her 13 Christmas Elves." Carols were also presented by the Icelandic choir and the Finnish Society.

following the delightful program there was more socializing with the help of the hot, spicy "glogg" prepared by the Danish Society members and served by representatives from each ethnic group. Lovely Danish Christmas baking was lavishly displayed on the elaborately decorated table. More color was add-

ed by the ethnic costumes of each Scandinavian country.

This is considered the premiere function of this kind. Members of the Provincial Cabinet and their wives, Members of the Board of Governors of Government House and members of the Consular Corps were in the audience.



Islandic Entertainers



Finnish Society Singers



Astrid Hope serves Glogg to Nina Timperly



Santa Lucia Pageant



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THE DANISH CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON

About 25 people enjoyed a very interesting and colourful description of Danish settlers in rural Alberta by Birgit Langhammer Tuesday this week.

The open meeting was arranged by the Danish Canadian Friendship Club and took place in the basement of the Ansgar Lutheran Church.

Birgit Langhammer, a former librarian, is very knowledgeable on the subject of early settlers and spoke about dreams and hardships when communities such as Dickensfield,

Standard and Dalum were established some 70 years ago.

The meeting was also the forum for a good discussion on the Danish Canadian Friendship Club's future activities. The club's board of directors received many encouraging suggestions for up-coming meetings.

At this open meeting the club took the opportunity to sign some new members up. And by the way the annual membership fee is \$25.00 per family and \$5.00 only for senior citizens.

MANY COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

By Louise Johnson

This summer I was fortunate to be one of the approximately 450 students representing more than 50 countries who attended the INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL at the University of Oslo. although the summer school began in 1947 primarily for North American students of Norwegian heritage, the school soon became open to participants from any part of the world who could meet admission requirements.

I arrived at Blindern Campus early on a Monday morning to find I had been placed in a class with 14 other students of diverse cultural backgrounds. This class was truly international, with students from Uganda, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Poland, Yugoslavia, Italy, El Salvador, Holland, Germany and England, as well as Canada and the U.S. The reasons for attending varied. Several were political refugees or immigrants who wished to attend university in Norway and must first meet language prerequisites. Several would be making Norway their permanent home, but many were simply interested in the opportunity to study and learn something of another land and culture.

Communication between students began hesitantly. It was not easy to

understand Norwegian spoken with such a variety of accents, but as our ears became attuned to one another, our communication skills improved. It also proved to be good practice for later encounters with Norwegian dialects.

Besides regular daily classes, trips to the theatre and art museums, walking tours and informal get-togethers contributed to a warm and friendly atmosphere among students. Stan, who had arrived in mid-July, appreciated opportunities to meet the students and practise his Norwegian.

During the final week of classes, a coffee party was organized by Tahir who exemplified Pakistani hospitality by supplying several large cakes and cartons of ice cream. John David extended an open invitation to visit him in Uganda, assuring us that it was perfectly safe since Idi Amin is no longer living there.

The six weeks of summer school passed by all too quickly. We had made new friends and learned something of other lands and cultures. Now we looked forward to the next few weeks which we would spend visiting friends and relatives in Northwestern Norway. During this time we were able to put to good use, the language skills we had acquired during the earlier part of the summer.

NORSK HOSTFEST

By Bob Burt

Roy and Dorothy Sundby had something to celebrate, and did it up in a big way. They celebrated their 12 wedding anniversary Oct. 20th., deciding to go all out.

They drove from Edmonton to Estevan Sask., where they attend the 7th Annual Norsk Hostfest.

The fall festival commenced Oct. 15th., and for the weekend there was country music by Myron Floren; a Scandinavian orchestra with Loren Lindwig and his accordion; as well as the Aage Sogn orchestra from Dokka Land, Norge. There was also a Swedish orchestra "The Liljdahls" from Falkenberg. That's not all - they heard sacred music by Joe Hegstad and The Comedy of Music by Victor Borge.

This was all topped by the presence of Miss Universe, Yvonne Ryding, of Eskilstuna, Sweden. Roy lost his heart to this beauty, and he has pictures to prove it.

The program was not fun all the time, but included fellowship and inspiration. The Sundbys attended to learn Hardanger embroidery and wood carving; Dorothy and Roy spent eight hours a day for four days in this cultural atmosphere, and now have tangible proof.

Gary Johnson dropped in to visit, when he was on an eastern swing to Winnipeg, and it was in N.D., that he



Yvonne Ryding, Miss Universe

found that fish bones were tough, and getting one stuck in your throat could happen to you too.

As the Norwegian Table Grace was given at each meal, table mats gave the pray with direct translation:

I Jesu naun gar vi til bords, at spise og drikke pa dit ord, Dig Gud til aere os til gaun; sa far vi mat i Jesu naun. Amen In Jesus name we go to the table, to eat and drink at thy word. Thou God to Honor, us to be gifted; so receive we food in Jesus name. Amen

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WORLD'S NEWEST NATIONS

Greenland, at the "top" of the Atlantic, is the largest island in the world. It may soon become the newest nation in the world and the only nation to be governed by the Inuit.

Even though 83% of its surface is covered by glacial ice, Greenland's coastal areas have an impressive 5000 year record of human history. Viking exploration led to the establishment of European farming settlements in the southwestern fjord region by 1000 A.D. These prospered and Greenland became an important trade source. But climatic changes marking the onset of the "Little Ice Age" resulted in the extinctions of these settlements and the beginnings of the historic Inuit culture.

Greenland became a colony of Denmark in 1721, a status that continued until 1953 when it joined the Kingdom of Denmark. Self determination, once only a desire of the 50,000 largely Inuit Greenlanders, is rapidly becoming a reality. Leaving the European Economic Community may have been the first expression of an emerging Inuit nationalism.

Greenland is Canada's nearest overseas neighbour. Ellesmere Island is just 26 km from northwest Greenland. Southward, Baffin Island and Labrador are separated from Greenland by Davis Strait and the Labrador Sea creating a 2800 km long border. Already shared interests and concerns have led to a proposal for a Davis Strait International Joint Commission to oversee transportation, fisheries and petroleum exploration and to facilitate scientific, cultural and educational interests. The proximity to Canada has figured prominently in the archaeological records of both regions.

Prehistoric migrants from the Canadian arctic settled Greenland, and Vikings from Greenland explored several areas along the coast of Canada. From 1921 - 1924 the famous Greenland ethnographer, Knud Rasmussen, traveled by dog sled from Greenland to Alaska, demonstrating the cultural similarities between Canadian and Greenland Inuit populations. Representatives of the arctic Inuit met in Nuuk, Greenland, for the 1st (1979) Inuit Circumpolar Conference. The 2nd I.C.C. was held in 1983 at Frobisher Bay, Canada. Inuits of Alaska, Arctic Canada, and Greenland are forging new alliances

and a new nationalism based on traditional cultural values in a contemporary context for which Greenland is an important symbol.

"Though, in practice, other northern natives have no chance of achieving independence, an independent Inuit-ruled Greenland is bound to become the focus and symbol of their aspirations." Gwyne Dyer, 1983.

Greenland will become increasingly important to Canada. Therefore, the Department of Anthropology has invited two distinguished visiting speakers to the University of Alberta Campus. Dr. Bent Fredskild and Finn Lynge will present a three-week lecture series on Greenland, its natural and cultural history, peoples and present affairs.

Dr. Bent Fredskild, Director of the Greenland Botanical Survey, is a veteran of seventeen field seasons in Greenland. Besides his extensive botanical and paleoclimatic research, he has worked closely with archaeologists piecing together the history of climatic changes and their influences on prehistoric and Viking peoples of Greenland. His diverse research interests include at present the ecological impact of Greenland farming and the archaeological excavations at Jacobshavns, West Greenland.

Finn Lynge is a native born Greenlander who has served since 1979 as the Greenland representative at the European Parliament. A former O.M.I. priest, he has served in many capacities centering on education, communications, and social services in Greenland. He is author of numerous articles and books dealing with cultural policies, resource development and home rule for Greenland.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26,
Tues., 4:00 p.m.,
Rm. 14-6, Tory Bldg.
The Natural History of Greenland
Bent Fredskild

February 28
Thurs., 4:00 p.m.,
Rm. 14 - 6, Tory Bldg
The Flora and Vegetation of Greenland
Bent Fredskild

March 4,
Mon., 4:00 p.m.
Tory Breezeway-2
(TBW-2) Tory Bldg.,
Holocene Vegetation History of Greenland
Bent Fredskild

March 5,
Tues., 4:00 p.m.,
TBW-2, Tory Bldg.
The Cultural History of Greenland
Finn Lynge

March 6,
Wed., 4:00 p.m.,
TBW-2, Tory Bldg.,
Greenland The European Economic Communities
Finn Lynge

March 7,
Thurs., 4:00 p.m.,
TBW-2, Tory Bldg.
Holocene Climatic History of Greenland
Bent Fredskild

March 11,
Mon., 8:00 p.m.,
TBW-2, Tory Bldg.
Principles of Missionary Activity: The Greenland Example.
Finn Lynge

March 12,
Tues., 4:00 p.m.
TBW-2, Tory Bldg.
Caribou, Sheep, Fish, and Oil: Greenland's Resources
Bent Fredskild

March 12,
Tues., 8:00 p.m.
To be announced
Greenland's Arctic Policies for Resources, Culture and Trade
Finn Lynge

March 14,
Thurs., 4:00 p.m.
TBW-2, Tory Bldg.,
The Impact of Climatic Changes on the Archaeological History of Greenland
Bent Fredskild

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Sons of Norway

By Bob Burt

An excellent turnout was present to celebrate the Birth of Christ, this year held at MacKay House December 16th. 48 adults and 26 children gathered together to sing, dance, be

Another good Christmas happening, with proof that planning and following through makes for an excellent program. Thanks to everyone for coming.



Christmas Goodies



Santa does his thing

entertained and to eat. The room walls (chalk boards) were filled with Christmas Greetings, very well done by Glen Huser.

The entertainment included stories of the Christ Child, complete with slide pictures. Other stories were "Deck the Halls", "Twelve Days of Christmas", and "Christmas in the Stable". These were narrated by Bea Huser, Glen Huser, and several of the boys in attendance.

The Nilsen family presented singing entertainment. Christopher Lillevolden rendered trumpet solos of "Jingle Bells", "A White Christmas", and "We wish you a Merry Christmas".

Santa entered and gave each child a bag of candy and an orange. Santa (Roy) was a very popular gent, with both youngsters and oldsters alike.

A splendid lunch was provided that all thoroughly enjoyed - there was a wide variety of goodies. Thanks must go to those providing the entertainment especially the Husers, the Nilsens, and Social Conveners Kieth Lillevolden and Orla Tychsen, as well as all who provided the food for the lunch.

NEW SONS OF NORWAY LODGE

Saturday evening, December 1, Sons of Norway Lodge 595-4 held its charter night in the Wetaskiwin Memorial Centre at which time 116 members were initiated. The new lodge which will serve Millet, Leduc, Wetaskiwin, Gwynne and Ponoka areas has elected Bob Pederson of Leduc as its charter president. Several members were unable to attend the charter night and their memberships bring the total to 199.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Doug Peterson, Past President, Edmonton Sons of Norway. Everett Knudsig, International Director from Grand Forks, N.D. introduced the new members; District 4 President Kermit Lilja, Missoula, Montana, installed the Lodge officers present.

The following slate of officers was presented by the Nominating Committee: Henry Venoson, Darlene Brandon and Karen Greenwall: President, Bob Pederson; Vice-president, Darlene Brandon; Counselor Morris Jevne; Assistant Director, Lorlei Jevne; Secretary, Leslie Furness; Assistant Secretary, Shirley Ertman; Auditors, Ralph Rasmuson, Paul Otteson, Howard Ertman; Financial Secretary, Pat Didrickson (3 yrs.), Harold Nelson (2 yrs.), Melvin Heggerud (1 yr.).

Marshal, Henry Venoson; Assistant Marshal, Clifford Johnson; Foundation Director, Gerald Turnquist; Cultural Director, Sonya Ohlman; Asst. Cultural Director, Cheryl Salkman; Youth Director, Sonya Krogen; Asst. Youth Director, Bonnie Flinkman; Sports Director, Darren Fiveland; Asst. Sports Directors, Lana Neufeld, Bill Kjos; Editor and Publicity Director, Sharon Gramlich; Historian, Karen Greenwall; Musician, Linda Rasmuson; Librarian, Joanne Nelson; Inner Guard, Lois Venoson.

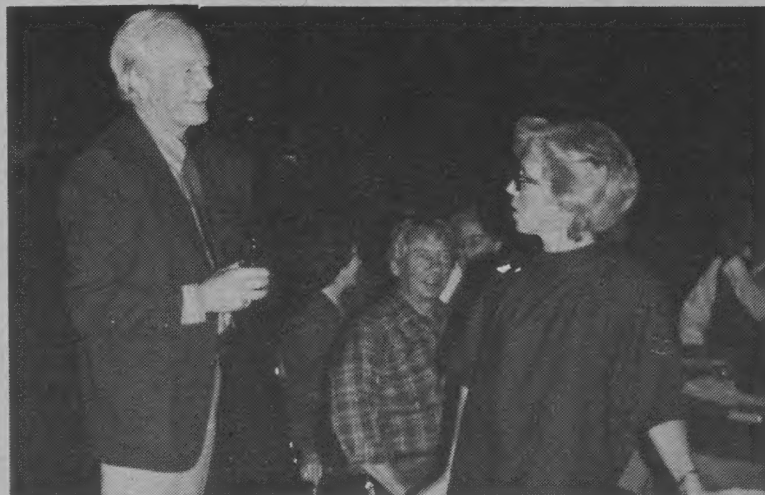
Special guests for the evening were Bena Johnson, Charter Member, Normanna Lodge, Millet, July 10, 1928,

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1985 Executive

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Kris and Bernice Nyhus

By Bob Burt

At the Lutefisk Supper held January 19th at the Saxony Inn, the new Executive Officers of Solglyt No. 143 Sons of Norway Lodge were sworn to their new positions for the year 1985.

The new slate includes: President -Kris Nyhus; Vice President, Stan Johnson; Secretary, Betty Broen; Financial Secretary, Peter Hansen; Treasurer, John Stensland. The Counselor is Per Nierlsen; Cultural Director, Astrid Hope-assisted by Anny Marie Woldmo; Social Director,

Keith Lillevolden assisted by Goldie Berge; Sports Director, Sev Berge. The Trustees include Norm Legaarden, Al Letendre and Ken Domier. The Historian is Janette Burt; Publicity director Bob Burt. The Marshals are Reidun Berg and Roy Sundby, Newsletter reporter is Louise Johnson. The Auditors for the year include David Borge, Bernie Olafson and George Stewart.

It is felt that these worthy members will carry on through the year adding laurels to the lodge and credit to the membership.

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Cultural Corner

By Astrid Hope, Cultural Director
Solglyt Lodge

On December 13th, the Museum and Archives celebrated "St. Lucia Day". There were presentations and demonstrations of Christmas exhibits (including Christmas tree) in the afternoon. A special Scandinavian meal was served at the supper. Resource people included Inger Paulson, demonstrating bobbin-lace and Harry Huser with his chip-carving. For the finale, The "Freeloaders" performed with a program of Norwegian Christmas carols. (Wally Broen, Odd Espeland, Harry Huser and Astrid Hope represented the group).

On December 15th, Wally Broen was one of the members of the Welsh Choir who presented a christmas program at All Saint's Cathedral.

CULTURE CLASSES

From each Wednesday, January 30th to March 6th inclusive, Harry Huser will be teaching the craft of chip-carving. The fee is \$30.00 and materials will cost an additional

\$10.00 (trinket-box). Time is 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Each Thursday, March 7 - April 11th inclusive, Astrid Hope will be giving classes on Hardanger Embroidery. The fee is \$30.00 (includes supplies). Time is 7 - 9 p.m.

Classes will take place at Mackay House, Multicultural Centre at 10425 - 99 Avenue, Edmonton; Please phone Cathy at 420-6880 to register.

PETERSON - ELGSTRAND

The engagement is announced of Inge Borge, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard (Marie) PETERSON of Vancouver, and Greta, Daughter of Mrs. Margaret ELGSTRAND, both members of Sons of Norway Solglyt Lodge.

The wedding is to take place at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Edmonton February 23rd, 1985. Pastor Nelson will be the officiating minister at the 4:00 p.m. wedding ceremony.

Harv Haugen will be Master of Ceremonies at the reception at the West Jasper Place Community Hall. An open dance commences at 9:00 p.m.

Congratulations from members of the Sons of Norway to one who was once their Queen.

KARE HELLUM NEW BOSS

By Bob Burt

A very vocal group gathered at the Saxony Inn on Dec. 8th for the December "Ladies Night" Torske Klubben supper meeting and dance. Over 135 members and wives sat to a most enjoyable supper of Black Cod, carrots, boiled potatoes and shrimp salad.

Police Chief Lunney was an honored guest, called back for a second time to help us enjoy this evening of entertainment. He showed a great interest in the proceedings of the evening. Sev Berge gave the Norwegian table gace and Glen Finstad was the congenial Master of Ceremonies. Kris Nyhus was introduced as the new President, who will be installed with his executive officers at the January Lutfisk supper meeting. Al Letendre was the gentleman who proposed a "Toast to the Ladies", ably answered by Carolyn Anderson.

Sev Berge, Sports Director, reported on the coming Winter Games to be held this year at Camrose. Cont on page 11

NEW SONS OF NORWAY cont. from pg. 8



Special Guests:

Bena Johnson, Paul Gotaas, Hilda Gotaas, Voberg Nyback

who brought greetings on behalf of the three other members still alive; Paul Gotaas, Camrose, charter member from 1927 Treje Viken and Ronning 504 Lodges, who help institute the Millet Lodge in 1928 and who attended with his wife, Hilda; and Voberg Nyback who was a Lodge member in Camrose in 1928.

The special evening was attended by 90 people from surrounding lodges.

Olds Lodge prepared the Skandina-

vian sandwiches; Edmonton and Claresholm lodges supplied lefse; folk dancers from Red Deer performed the Sons of Norway Freeloaders from Edmonton provided Norwegian music; and Camrose Lodge decorated and provided coffee.

The new lodge will develop social, cultural and sports activities for their members, as well as get involved in a wide range of charitable and community activities; it was organized over the past year by Area Manager Ross Anderson of Camrose.

Solglyt Spotlight

PROGRAMS SET FOR 1985

Folk Dancing is taught and practiced each Saturday afternoon from 2-4 pm. at MacKay House. This cultural activity add greatly to our Heritage, and is a form of entertainment for our members, as well as keeping them in the swing of things at Language Camp and Heritage Days.

Feb. 16th - Pot Luck Supper, with a late evening snack.

Feb. 17th - Ski Tour to Elk Island Park call Kris Nyhus for details.

Feb. 5-10th - Ski for Light Winter Games at Kamloops, B.C..

Feb.(Sat.) - Silver Broom Bon Spiel held at Balmoral Curling Rink. Call Willy Ducherer.

Mar. 9th - Kon Tiki Dance and Party, Folk Dancers will be in attendance.

Mar. 22-24 - Sports Weekend will be held at Camrose, get in tune for competition.

April 20 - Initiation of new members, Norwegian Whist; Wine and Cheese.

April 27 - Sportsmen's Banquet to be held at MacLeod Community Hall.

May 17th - Syttende Mai-Flag Parade in Ethnic Costume at City Hall 10:00 A.M. Following parade lunch at the Royal Copenhagen Restaurant. Banquet will be held in the evening (place to be designated).

June 21-23rd - St. Hans Fest held at Mulhurst Lutheran Summer Camp, all facilities available for a grand weekend.

June - There will be an International Soccer Tournament held in Edmonton. It is expected that members of families of S/N will be competing.

August 17-24th - Norwegian Language and Culture Summer Camp will be held at Lutheran Bible Camp at Sylvan Lake. Are you ready? Details later.

Sept. 21 - General Meeting. Games and Fun Evening.

Oct. 26th - Lief Ericson Nite (site not decided).

Nov. 23 - Election of Officers. Bingo Game.

Dec. 15th - Christmas Party at MacKay House.

Jan. 18th - Lutfisk Dinner and Installation of new Executive for 1986. First Monday of every month Executive meeting. Two summer months off. First Tuesday of each month Torske Klubben, except July and August.

CHRISTMAS SEASON OUTINGS

Keith and Cheryn Lillevolden traveled to Wainwright for Christmas to visit with Keith's brother-in-law Mr. Harold Maxwell.

Per Neilson spent Christmas Danish style, visiting relatives in a circle of happy visitations; by the time he had made the circuit the whole family were full in more ways than one can imagine. For New Years, the Nielsons left the kids with relatives in St. Albert and took a plane to Columbus, Ohio. When the plane lifted off the temperature was -31°C; on touch down, the reading was 14°C. The Green Wonderland was a shock to the system, but Per said he got over it quickly. Tough luck, he was on a business trip!

Olga McBride entertained family and friends Dec. 30th to celebrate the 75th birthday of her mother Martha Venosien. The family reunion was quite extensive, and quite a surprise to Martha. You would imagine that after this excitement she would want to settle down and take it easy, but Martha and Ivor left Jan. 6th to spend a month with their son Oscar in Austin, Texas. What a way to go.

Roy and Dorothy Sundby spent 9 days over Christmas with Roy's brother Arnie of Blind Bay, B.C., but most of the time was spent at Salmon

Arm, where Arnie was hospitalized at the time. All is well now.

Sven and Orla Tychsen entertained guests over Christmas- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson and family from out of town.

Kare and Hillary Hellmun's guests over the holidays included Hilary's father, Mr. Spriggs of Montreal. The Hellmuns daughter, Hilary Louise was home from Timmons, Ont. She is on a government project (Katimavik); young people are hired on 3 month stays to do Community work at various posts for a nine-month period. She worked with the mentally handicapped adults at Vernon, B.C., Then at Timmons, Ont., then on to Montreal, Que. This will be quite an experience for the young folks.

Kris and Bernice Nyhus will travel to Texas, Arizona, in mid-February just to get away from it all. En route they will take in many of the Southern activities and cities. They are still planning to take in the Skoki Cross Country with Ole Hovind and some other S/N members including the Broens; they will be away for nearly a week April 3 to 8th.

The Burts will be off again! This time, with Astrid Hope, they will be touring the Caribbean in one of those Norwegian Cruise ships, "Sun Viking" on the Bill Jackson Tour.Leaving February 1 and returning on the 22nd. They hope to take in a little sun for a tan.

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TRIPPING IN THE FALL

By Bob Burt

Yes, we were off again, this time to the Maritimes. I'm beginning to feel like a travelling salesman (a very tired one).

FIRST STOP HALIFAX-

It all started on Monday, Oct. 1st, after a quick flight from Edmonton to Halifax. I shouldn't say it all started Oct. 1st - it was several months prior, for it takes a lot of thought, planning, packing and re-packing before you are off.

A Janette and I were met at Halifax by our son's wife, Diane, and granddaughter, Michele. Of course we were tired, and after unpacking and a grand tour of the new house (one of the reasons for the trip) we were off to bed.

colors, which leapt out at you from all sides of the road. The Trail was spectacular as we drove through quaint fishing villages, then climbed rugged (hills), switch-backs and gasped at scenic ribbons of coastal road. We also visited the Alexander Graham Bell Museum at Baddeck. What could top all this?

POTATO PICKING-

Our next bout was a ferry ride to Prince Edward Island. There we thought it would be peaceful, but we found thrills in viewing Canada Geese at a preserve, and marvelled at the Woodleigh Replicas (miniature castles and cathedrals), just out of Burlington. We even picked potatoes, following the diggers. After all this we enjoyed the Lobster Supper at Fishermans Warf N. Rustico.

the sunrise next morning was out of of this world.

But one trip we did plan was driving to Cape Cod by way of New Brunswick and its' Magnetic Hill, Augusta, Kittery, Maine and Boston to Falmouth, Mass. We met sunshine, fog, rain, sleet and snow, but through it all we captured the Autumn colors as we toured and visited.

CAPE COD -

At Falmouth on Cape Cod we met my cousin, who wined, and toured us throughout the Cape. We visited Newport county, where the American Cup races have been held, were awed by the Vanderbilt "Marble House", the bridges and harbors. I was taken to the furthest east lighthouse at Chatham, and dug my feet into the miles of sandy beach there. Again I say, "What could top all this?"

TIDAL BORE HIGH-

On our route back, we drove right through Boston and back through Portsmouth to Brunswick. Then we turned off the freeway, to drink in "Beautiful Mid-coastal Maine", along the winding roads through Yarmouth, Bucksport, Ellsworth and Wesley to the boarder at Calais. We then retraced our tracks through New Brunswick to Nova Scotia and home to Onslow, near Truro.

Our son has built his new home just off the Bay of Fundy, where the Tidal Bore is near its highest reverse, over-running its banks and engulfing the land to within 35 yards of his home.

AND HOME -

Flying home after a month of this, had its drawbacks, starting off the day after 'daylight saving' (clock turned back), did not help our jet-lag and coming back to the snow! Ah! the trials and tribulations of travel and holidays; but you can bet we enjoyed every minute of it.



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Our first sight of Autumn color was the flight over Maine, when we saw the mackinaw quilt of color from the air. We had been to Truro through winter, spring and summer, but never in the fall. I grew up in Ontario, so I knew the color was there. A. Janette, never stopped "Oh ing and " Ah ing", at the sight of the brilliant reds, the beautiful oranges and vivid yellows, each standing out around the green spruce, and she just couldn't stop clicking the camera for the many pictures we brought home. she picked the reddest maple leaves and had them laminated to hang on the wall as a constant reminder of the beauty of fall in Nova Scotia.

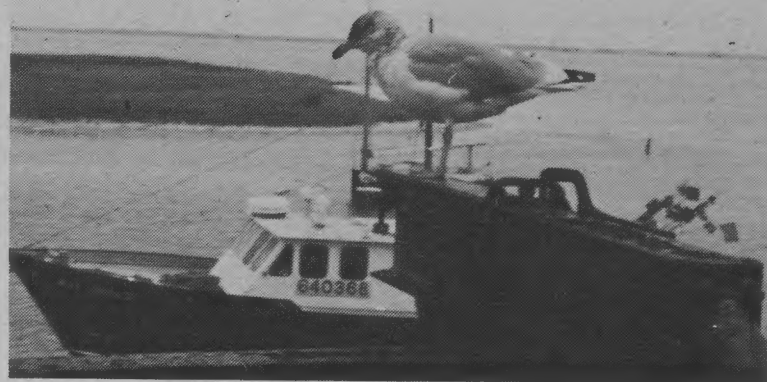


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THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY-

Larry, a professor and instructor at Teachers College, is a very busy man. He travels the length and breadth of Nova Scotia, instructing computer operation, soliciting students at Career Days and grading schools for their qualities. We accompanied him on a trip through the Annapolis Valley, passing such known places as Windsor, Kentville and Bridgetown. There were fruit stands all on sides, or signs reading "You Pick Fruit". Then on another excursion we visited New Glasgow and Pictou.

Our plans included a trip over the Cabot Trail, at just the bright time of year. It was bursting with flaming



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The lucky couple Asbjorn and Anne Marie Woldmo won an air flight by Pacific Western. They plan to fly from Edmonton March 1st to Toronto where they will visit Asbjorn's corresponding chess partner, Henry Reger. From there the couple will travel by train to Detroit, then Toledo, then Pennsylvania, New York and back to the Nigara Falls before returning to Toronto and home. Asbjorn is quoted as saying, " I never win anything ". He can't say that anymore.

The recently formed Scandinavian Club entertained at Government House recently. This group, which includes members from the Five Nations, met at MacKay House Jan. 16th. Each country is to send 6 delegates,; two of these will be directors. This new organization will keep the Scandinavians in touch and see that there is no duplication of dates or functions. They will coordinate work together and support each other. The Norwegian delegates named are Astrid Hope, Anne Marie Woldmo, Keith Lillevolden, and Janette Burt. The Directors named are Kris Nyhus and Ken D omier.

Astrid Hope spent a week in early January visiting with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Tagseth of Govan, Sask..

IN MEMORY OF CHESTER RONNING

Deep sorrow is felt by all Norwegians at the death of Chester A Ronning, member of the Sons of Nor-

way Ronning Lodge -509 and honorary member of Torske Klubben. He passed awat at 90 years of age; born in China, son of missionaries. He taught school in Camrose, Edmonton and China. In 1945 he was appointed to serve at the Canadian Embassy at Chungking. He served in both the First and Second World Wars. In government he was MLA from 1932-35. He attended the Geneva Convention in 1954. Later he became minister to Iceland and Ambassador to Norway then High Commissioner to India. From 1954-64 he was a delegate in the United Nations. Two of his many awards were " The Order of Canada " and the " Alberta Order of Excellence ".

He was buried Friday, January 4th at Camrose. All of us have lost a great man.

On January 5th a joint meeting of Past and New Executive members and their spouses was held at the Captain's Cabin.

Following a lengthy joint Executive and General meeting, the gathering got down to some serious eating and drinking- juice and coffee. The evening was a jovial gathering of those members which most frequently attend General Meetings through-out the year, and a good time was had by all
Jan 18th was the installation of new officers, together with the Annual Lutfisk Banquet at the Saxony Motor Inn.

FAMOUS SWEDES

By Verna Larson
Cultural Leader
Vasa Lodge Skandia

CARL SANDBURG (1878 - 1967)

Another famous person who had his roots in Sweden, was Carl Sandberg.

His parents were born in Sweden, where his father was a blacksmith and undoubtedly were among the early immigrants to come to America. Carl was born on January 6, 1878 in Galesburg, Illinois. He left school after finishing the eighth grade and worked as a milkman, a porter, and a shoeshine boy, to help support the family. He was always reading, especially encyclopedias, history books, biographies and his sister's text books.

When he was 19, he traveled to Kansas as a hobo, picking up odd jobs along the way, learning the lingo of the hoboes and memorizing their songs. After a year he returned home

to Galesburg and worked as a house-painter.

After serving some time in the Spanish-American war, he entered college and began writing poetry. Several books of his poetry were published from 1904 to 1908. Not until 1914 did he become recognized as a worthwhile poet, when some of his poems were printed in "Poetry" magazine. He became equally famous for his books, particularly those on Abraham Lincoln. He also published a book of songs he had recollected throughout the years. He wrote only one novel "Remembrance Rock", in 1948.

Perhaps his greatest work was "The People; Yes" (1936), a long historical poem about the American people - about the way they talk and the things they say and why. He died in 1967, at the age of 89.

Here is a very small sample of his poetry:

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"The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on."

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March 22-24th. He also spoke of the great Curling event, "The Silver Broom", to be curled off one Saturday in Feb. The Sports Banquet will be held at MacLeod Community Hall April 27th.

Another Sports event much looked forward to annually is 'St.Hans Fest', this year to be held at Mulhurst Lutheran Bible Camp, June 21-23rd.

Language camp will be coming up August 19th to 24th.

It was reported that a number of our members attended the Installation of Millet Lodge No. 595, held at the Wetaskiwin Hall. There were 200 Charter Members in the club, 116 were present to be initiated and the Charter Executive sworn to office.

Per Nielsen, President of "Ski for Light" in Canada, encouraged members to attend the Winter Games for that organization to be held Feb. 5 - 10th at Kamloops, B.C.

It was announced that Kare Hellum is to be the Boss for the 1985 term of Torske Klubben; Gary Johnson was praised for his fine work as Boss for the year 1984. The new committee for the Club include: Al Letendre, Secretary, Don Sjolie, Treasurer, Keith Lillevolden, Social Convener any other executive members are to be named by the Boss, as he sees fit.

Each lady attending the Banquet was presented a corsage. The tables were set with wines, liqueur, and of course a bottle of Akvavit. There was many a fine joke told, stretching well into the dance program; but who cares when you're having fun together!

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OLA ULLSTEN

Sweden's new Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Ola Ullsten, has recently arrived in Ottawa.

As a former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and as a Chairman of Sweden's Liberal Party for five years, he has been one of the leading politicians in shaping the development of modern Sweden.

In national politics his main interest has been family and social services legislation, and in external affairs he is known as a fighter for human rights and for increased international assistance to the developing countries.

SWEDEN'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO CANADA IS A FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr. Ullsten was born at Teg, near Umea on the Baltic coast in northern Sweden, in 1931. He was employed in social work and rehabilitation of alcoholics 1952 to 1957, simultaneously continuing his education, and took his B.S.c. (Soc.) in 1956. He became Secretary of the Liberal Party's Parliament Group in 1957. In 1962 he served on the Stockholm City Cultural Affairs Committee and between 1962 and 1964 he was Chairman of the Liberal Party's Youth Federation and an editorial writer at Sweden's largest morning newspaper, Dagens Nyheter (Daily News).

Ola Ullsten was a Liberal M.P. from 1965 to 1983. In the Parliament he was a member of the Standing Committee on local Government, a deputy

member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and a member of the Devence Delegation.

He was Vice Chairman of the Liberal Party's Parliamentary Group until the end of 1976 and the Chairman of the Liberal Party from 1978 to 1983.

When the non-socialist parties won the election in 1976 and formed a coalition government of the Moderates (conservatives), the Center (formerly Agrarian) Party and the Liberals, Mr. Ullsten became the Minister of International Assistance Developing Countries. In 1977-78 he also held the portfolio of Minister of Immigration and from March 1978 to October 1978 he was Deputy Prime Minister. After the resignation of Prime Minister Thorbjorn Falldin

Centre Party), Ola Ullsten was asked to form a Liberal minority government. Thus he was Prime Minister from October 1978 until the next election in October 1979. In the following government, also a non-socialist coalition with Mr. Falldin again as Prime Minister, Mr. Ullsten became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, a post which he held until November of 1982, when the Social Democrats won the election.

Mr. Ullsten's hobbies are tennis, golf and chess. He is divorced and has two daughters. Katarina 22 who is studying medicine at the University of Uppsala and Maria, 20 who is staying with Mr. Ullsten in Ottawa.

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MARTHA HOKANSON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Long-time member of Vasa Lodge, Martha Hokanson, celebrated her 90th birthday on October 28, 1984 in Coquitlam, B.C.. A surprise party was given in her honor by her three children, Hilding and Ernest Hokanson, Irene Reed and families, with over 125 people in attendance.

Martha was born in Smaland, Sweden on October 29th, 1984. She emigrated to Edmonton in 1913, married Herb Hokanson and raised

three children. They moved to Surrey, B.C. in 1951. Martha is blessed with 14 grandchildren.

Martha joined Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549 on January 1, 1933.

Out of town guests from Edmonton were Mary Pearson, Mike & Lil Collins, Robert and Carrie Hokanson, Lars and Marianne Leffler from Spokane, John and Lorraine and Jonathan Hokanson from Peace River and Herb and Sherry Hokanson and

family from Kelowna, B.C.

Martha was pleased to receive the beautiful card signed by members of Skandia Lodge No. 549 and the lovely floral arrangement from the Vasa Sisters, as well as many other gifts, flowers and cards.

The lovely buffet and dance was enjoyed by all her family, many friends and neighbours. Martha's family and friends wish her many more years of good health.

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